

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

January 8, 2009 – 5:00 pm – Council Chambers – Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ADOPTION

1. December 2008 report
2. Street light cover request
3. Church garbage collection
4. Committee member comments

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December 10, 2008

Mr. Michael Cosby
Town of Chincoteague
Community Center Dr.
Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

Dear Mr. Cosby,

In regards to our phone conversation on December 9 requesting a lamp cover for pole # DP & L 52757 76907 located on Clamshell Lane, I am enclosing the article from the newspaper. Even though the pole is located some 50 feet from our house it lights up our entire backyard, porch, and the rear rooms of our home. We cannot enjoy the stars or moon during the night hours. Therefore I am requesting the town to have a "dark skies lamp cover" installed on this vapor lamp.

I was told that this request has to come from the town because we do not rent the pole from A&N Electric. Your request in our behalf may be made to the A&N Engineering Dept. at 757.787.9750.

In advance I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Karen Theisen

cc: Mayor Tarr

Help Preserve Dark Skies

Dear Editor:

A clear night sky is a fascinating thing to behold, and we on the Eastern Shore are lucky still to be able to view it. However, it is getting harder to enjoy, particularly because of ill-chosen parking area lights.

Another widely distributed dark-sky destroyer is the dusk-to-dawn lights, also known as barnyard lamps, or sometimes vapor-lamps. These shine their light in all directions, ruining the night sky for those nearby and disturbing neighbors' sleep. Sometimes considerable bitterness between neighbors results.

A&N Electric Cooperative has recently taken an important step to reduce this problem. Our utility company, which rents these dusk-to-dawn lamps to many all through the Eastern Shore, is now offering for a small charge to install on new lamps or retrofit on old ones a dark-skies lamp cover. This cover actually increases the light on the ground by reflecting it down.

Just call A&N Engineering at 787-9750 to request the dark-skies lamp cover.

Thank you, A&N!

Terry Malarkey, Chesconnessex